

CHAPTER TWO

Diodes

Digital Electronics.

Introduction

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- Types of diodes:

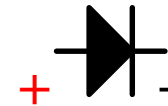
- PN-junction (p-type & n-type)



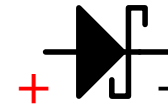
- Schottky (metal & n-type)
(*MN diodes*) (but not all metals)

- Zener (P^+N^+ -junction)

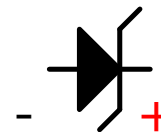
D4
1N3296A



D3
1N6098



D11
ZENER



- Applications of diodes:

- Variable capacitors
- DC voltage level-shifting (faster switching speed)

Diode Modelling

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- Shockly's current-voltage characteristics:

$$I_D = I_S \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_D}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

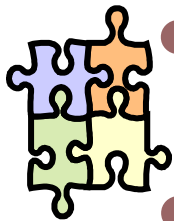
Thermal voltage :
=25.9mV @ 300K

$$\phi_T = \frac{kT}{q}$$

Temperature [K]

Elementary charge = 1.6×10^{-19} [C]

Boltzmann's constant = 1.38×10^{-23} [J/K]



Example

Using Shockly's expression, determine the diode current for $V_D = 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.7, 0.8, 1, 1.1$; assuming $I_S = 10^{-14}$ A.

Solution

$$I_D(V_D = 0.1) = 465 \text{ fA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.5) = 2.42 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 1.1) = 27.9 \text{ kA} \quad \text{!}$$

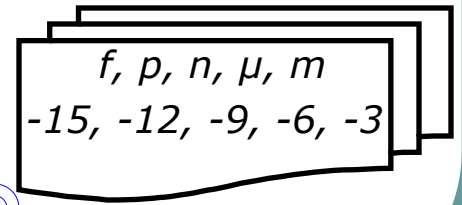
! Diode become damaged

$$I_D(V_D = 0.2) = 22.6 \text{ pA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.7) = 5.47 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_D(V_D = 0.8) = 260 \text{ mA} \quad \text{O}$$

Practical for IC devices



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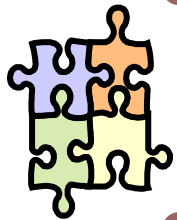
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- Schockly's current-voltage characteristics:

$$I_D = I_S \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_D}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

- Example



Using Schockly's expression, determine the diode current for $V_D = -0.1, -0.2, -0.5, -0.8, -1$, assuming $I_S = 10^{-14}$ A.

- Solution

$$I_D(V_D = -0.1) = -0.979 I_S$$

$$I_D(V_D = -0.2) = -0.99956 I_S$$

$$I_D(V_D = -0.5) = -0.9999999996 I_S$$

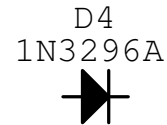
$$I_D(V_D \geq 0.1) \approx I_S \left(e^{\frac{V_D}{\phi_T}} \right)$$

$$I_D(V_D \leq -0.1) \approx -I_S$$

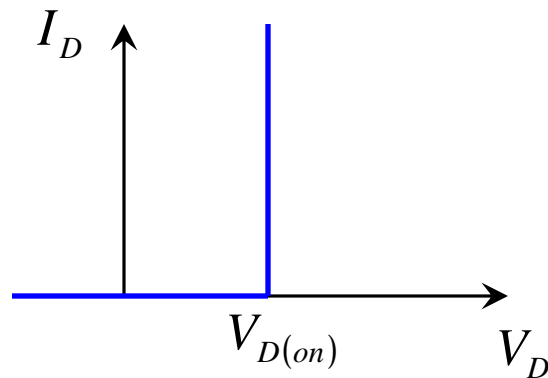
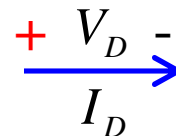
Diode Modelling

- Piecewise linear model:
 - Cutoff: $I_D = 0$ for $V_D < V_{D(on)}$
 - Conducting: $V_D = V_{D(on)}$ for $I_D > 0$

$$V_{D(on)} = 0.7 V$$



$$V_{D(on)} = 0.3 V$$



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- Consists only of diodes and resistors
- Performs **AND** and **OR** logic functions

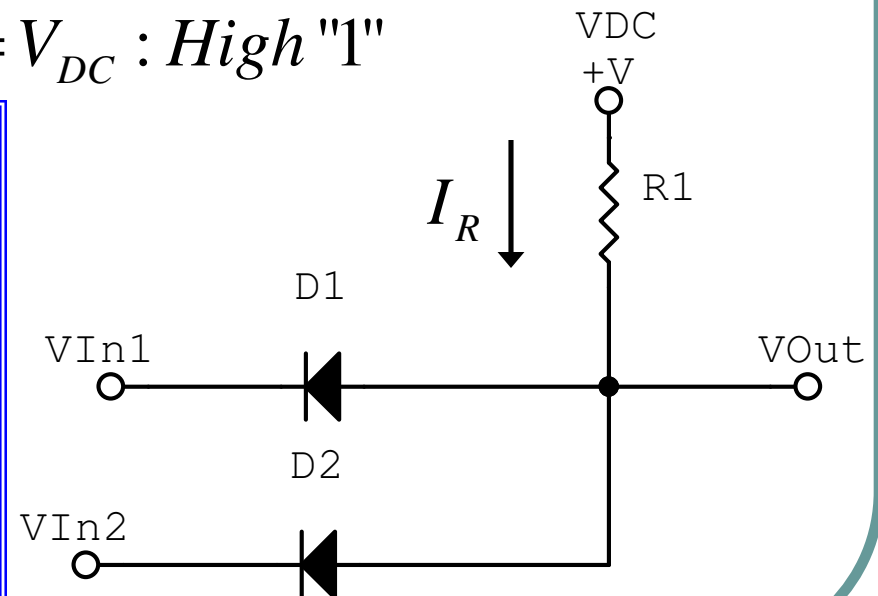
1. Diode **AND** gate

For $V_{in(1,2)} > V_{DC} - V_{D(ON)} \Rightarrow D_{(1,2)}$ is "OFF"

$V_{in(1\&2)} : \text{High "1"} \Rightarrow V_{Out} = V_{DC} : \text{High "1"}$

$$I_R = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{when both } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are OFF} \\ (V_{DC} - V_{D_{ON}} - V_{In}) / R_1; & \text{when either } D_1 \text{ or } D_2 \text{ is ON} \end{cases}$$

V1	V2	V _o
L	L	L
L	H	L
H	L	L
H	H	H



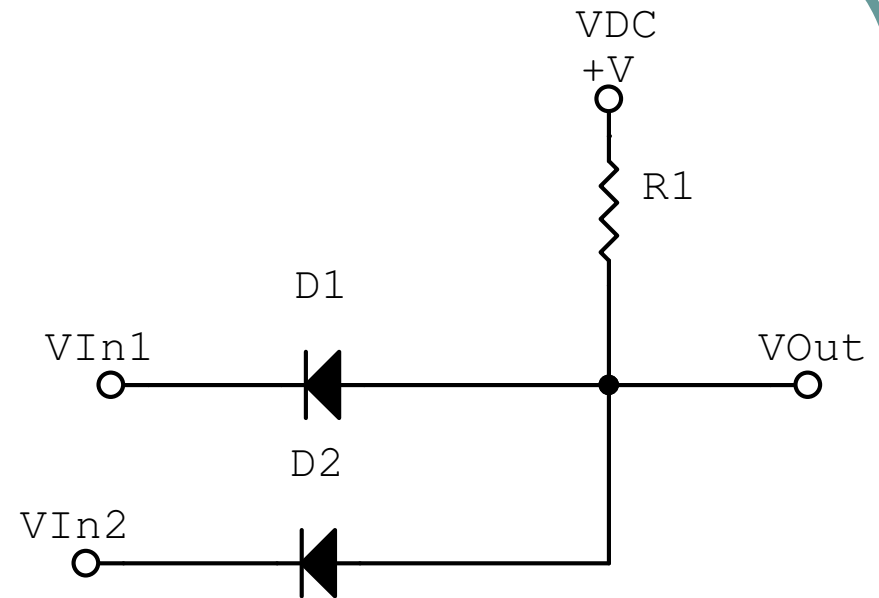
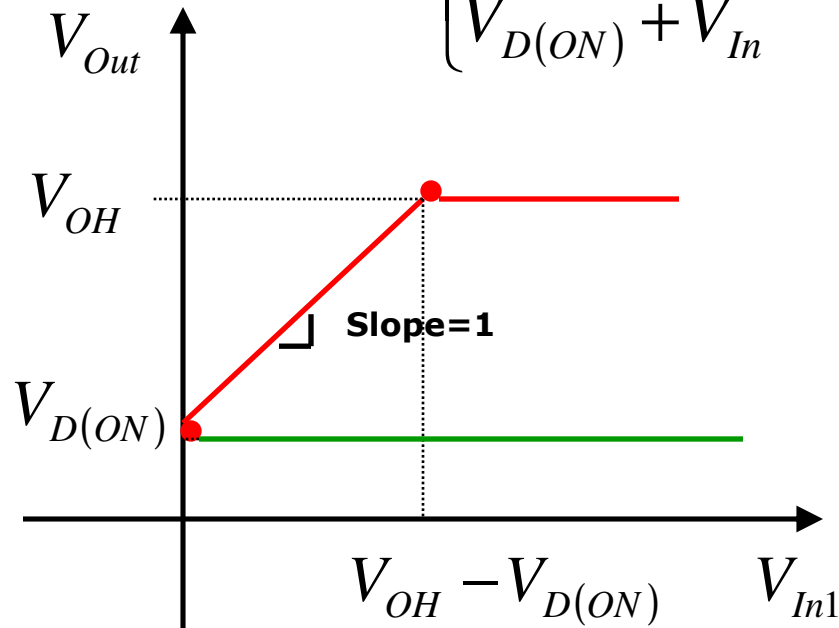
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1. Diode AND gate

$$V_{Out} = \begin{cases} V_{DC} = V_{OH} \\ or \\ V_{D(ON)} + V_{In} \end{cases}$$



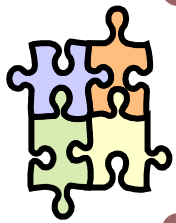
V_{In2} is high

V_{In2} is low = 0V

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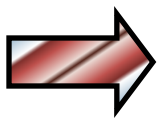
Example

Show that if $V_{In1} \geq V_{In2} + 1$, then D_1 is cutoff

Solution

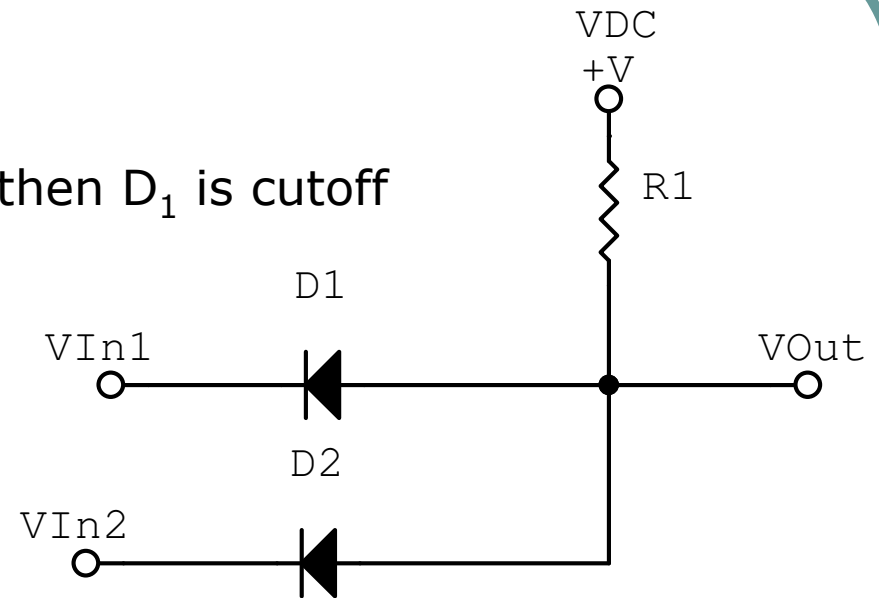
$$\begin{aligned} V_{Out1} &= V_{D1} + V_{In1} \\ &\geq V_{D1} + V_{In2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{Out2} = V_{D2} + V_{In2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} V_{Out2} &= V_{Out1} \\ V_{D2} + V_{In2} &\geq V_{D1} + V_{In2} + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{D2} \geq V_{D1} + 1$$



If $V_{D1} = V_{D(on)} \rightarrow V_{D2} \geq 1.7V$

V_{D1} has to be $-0.3V \leq V_{D(on)}$

Max. Of V_{D1} and V_{D2} is $V_{D(on)}$ is 0.7V.

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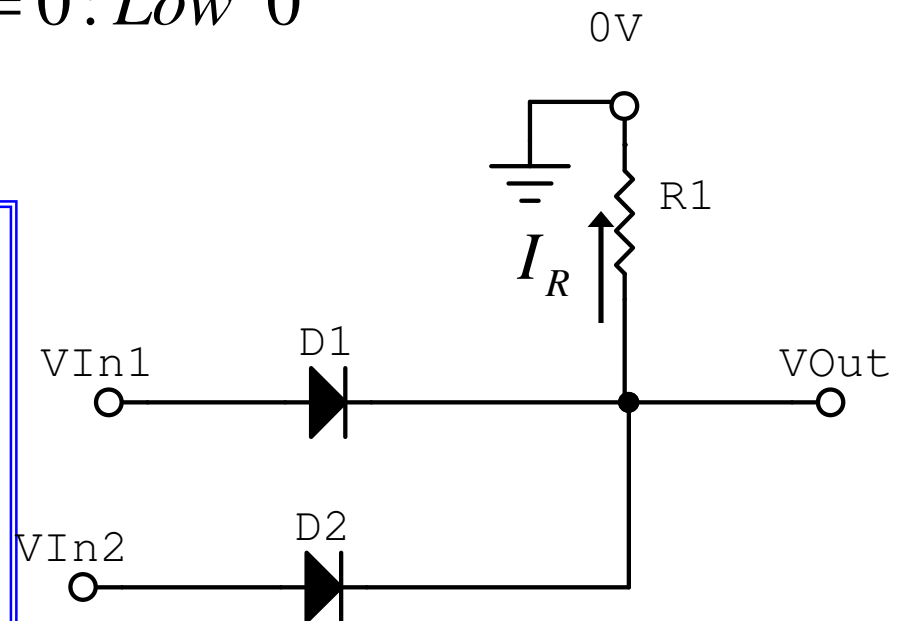
2. Diode OR gate

For $V_{in(1,2)} > V_{D(ON)} \Rightarrow D_{(1,2)}$ is "ON"

$V_{in(1\&2)} : Low "0" \Rightarrow V_{out} = 0 : Low "0"$

$$I_R = \begin{cases} 0; & \text{when both } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ are OFF} \\ (V_{In} - V_{D_{ON}}) / R_1; & \text{when either } D_1 \text{ or } D_2 \text{ is ON} \end{cases}$$

V1	V2	V _o
L	L	L
L	H	H
H	L	H
H	H	H



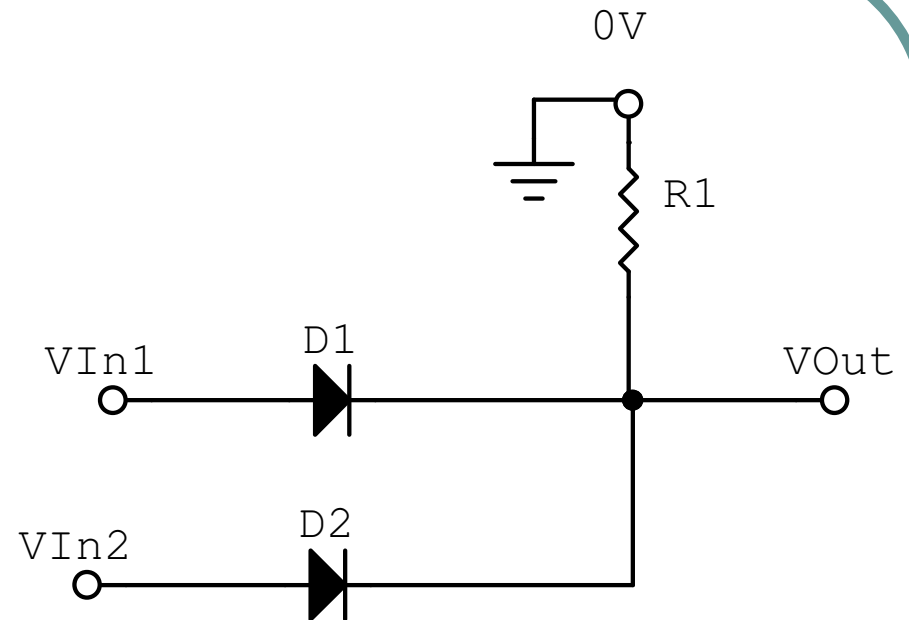
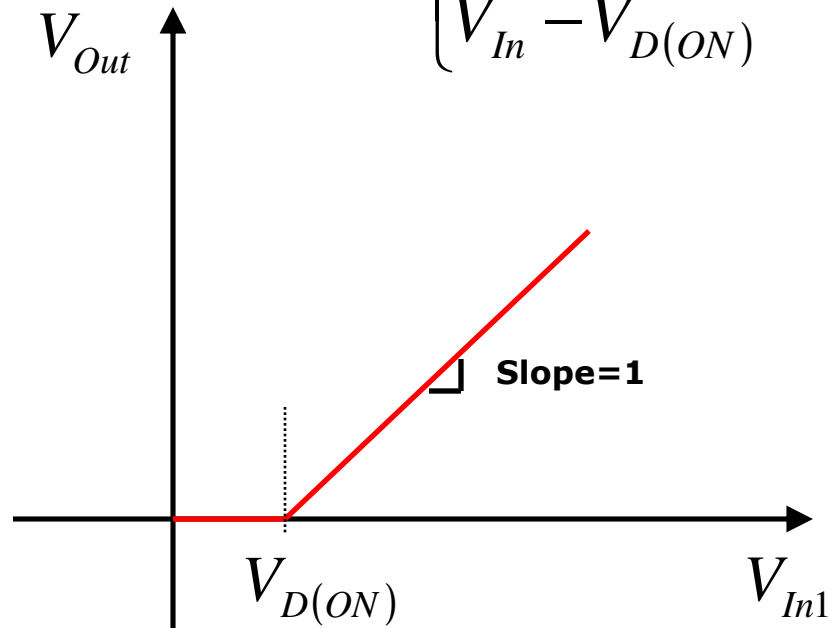
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2. Diode OR gate

$$V_{Out} = \begin{cases} 0 = V_{OL} \\ or \\ V_{In} - V_{D(ON)} \end{cases}$$



V_{In2} is low

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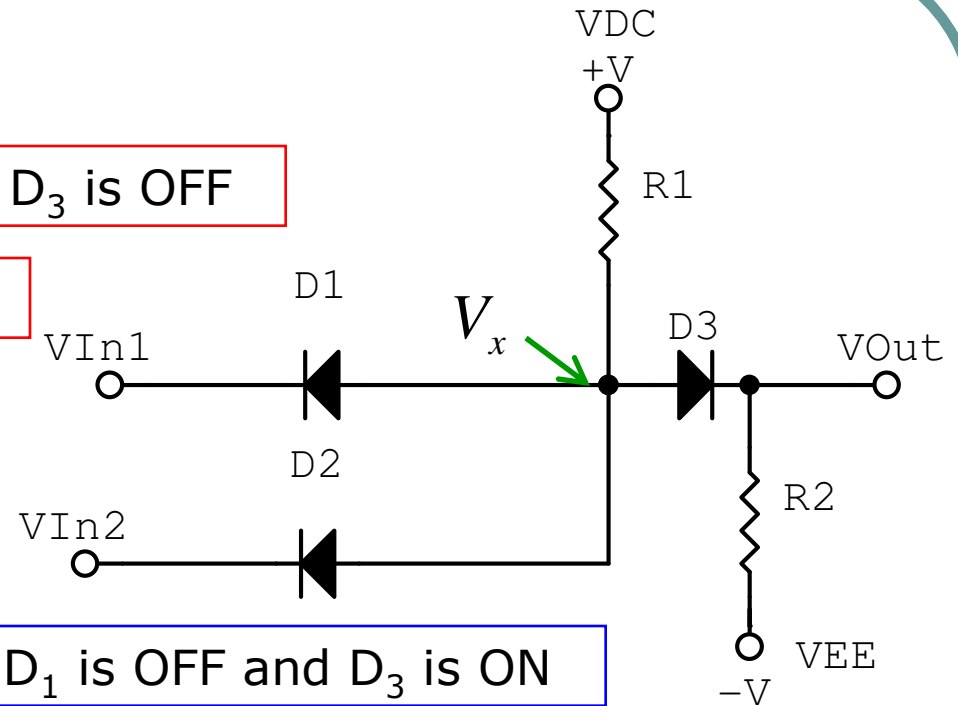
To plot the VTC:

$$V_{In} \ll V_{EE}$$

D_1 is ON and D_3 is OFF

$$V_{Out} = V_{EE}$$

(-ve value)



②

$$V_{In} \gg V_{EE}$$

D_1 is OFF and D_3 is ON

$$V_{Out} = V_{EE} + R_2 \left(\frac{V_{DC} - V_{EE} - V_{D(ON)}}{R_1 + R_2} \right)$$

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Slope=1

V_{In}

In between $V_{out} = V_{in}$

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V_{EE}

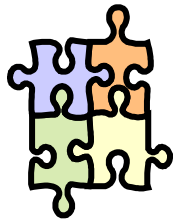
V_{Out}

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- **Example**

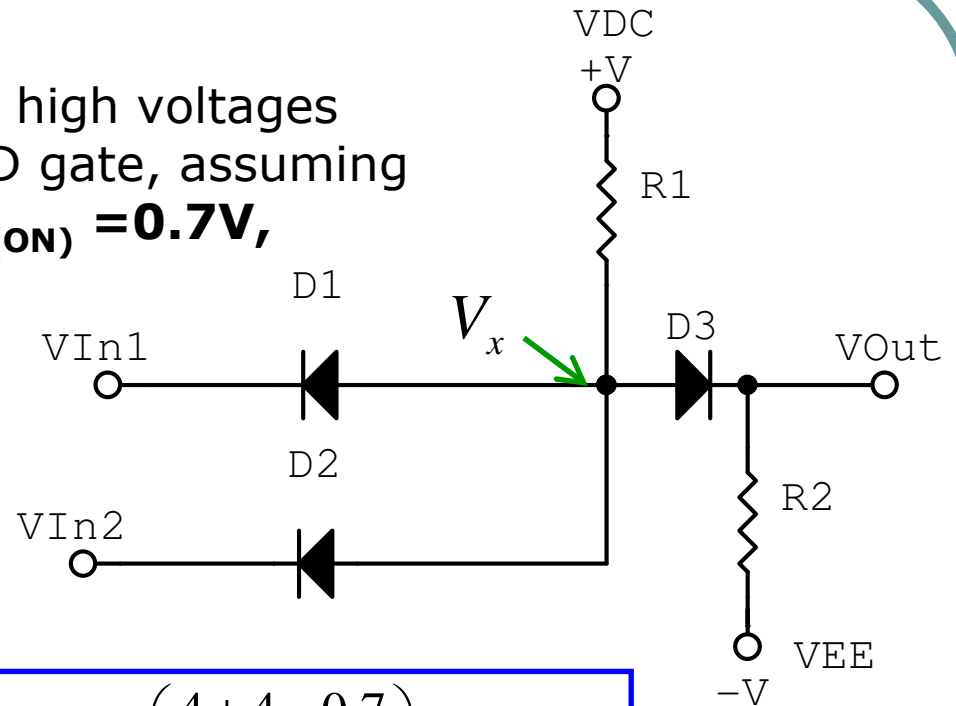


Find the output low and high voltages for the level-shifted AND gate, assuming

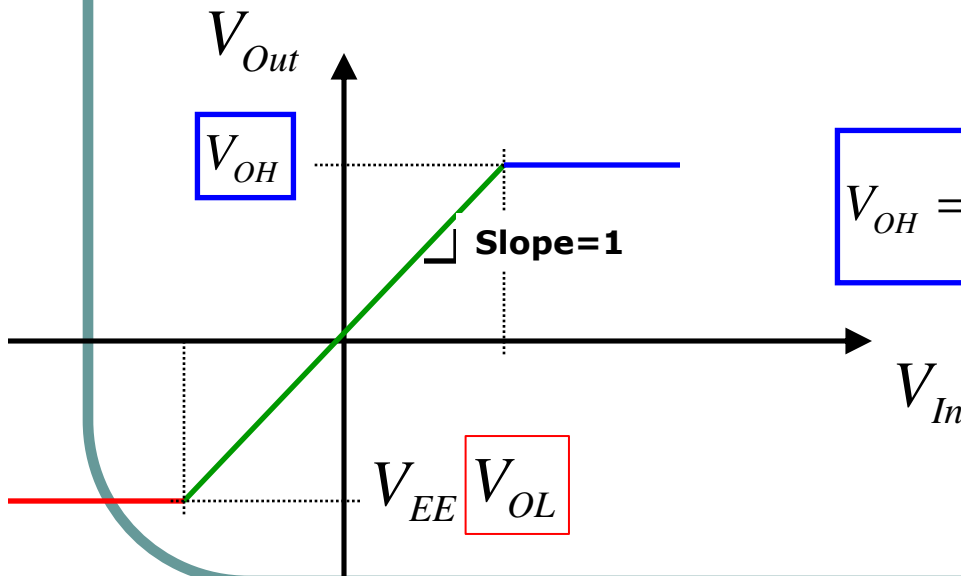
$V_{DC}=4V$, $V_{EE}=-4V$, $V_{D(ON)}=0.7V$,
 $R_1=1k\Omega$, $R_2=2k\Omega$.

- **Solution**

$$V_{OL} = V_{EE} = -4V$$



$$V_{OH} = -4 + 2\left(\frac{4 + 4 - 0.7}{3}\right) = 0.867V$$



Level Shifted OR Gate

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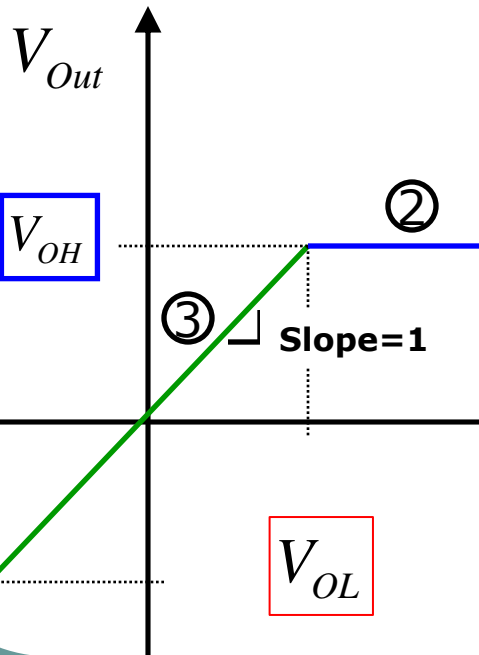
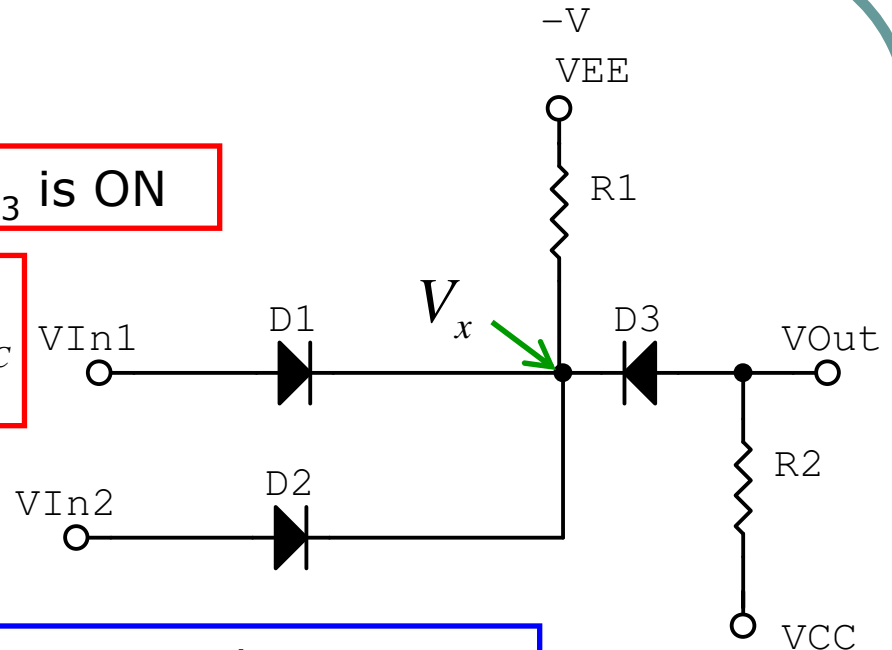
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To plot the VTC:

$$V_{In} \ll V_{CC}$$

D_1 is OFF and D_3 is ON

$$V_{Out} = -R_2 \left(\frac{V_{CC} - V_{EE} - V_{D(ON)}}{R_1 + R_2} \right) + V_{CC}$$



$$V_{In} \gg V_{CC}$$

D_1 is ON and D_3 is OFF

$$V_{Out} = V_{CC}$$

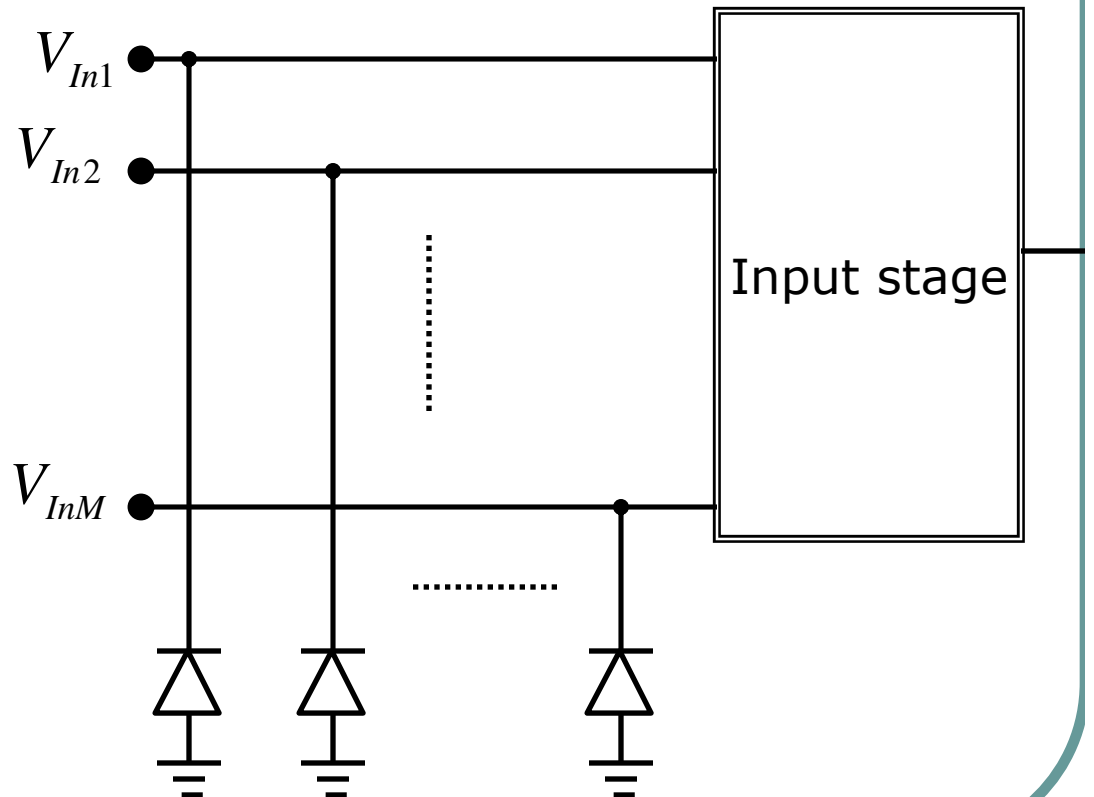
Such that $V_x > V_{CC} - V_{D(ON)}$

$$V_{in} > V_x + V_{D(ON)}$$

In between $V_{out} = V_{in}$

Clamping Diodes (other applications)

- Some gates may get damaged when their input voltages are negative
- The diodes prevent the inputs from falling below $-V_{D(ON)}$
- When the input voltages are positive, the diodes are open circuits



Level Shifting Diodes (other applications)

- Easy , and also stated before

- HW #2: Solve Problems: 2.6, 2.8, 2.12 , 2.18, 2.20, 2.21